

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A digital camera ~~for displaying on a monitor a real time motion image of a subject taken by an image sensor, comprising which performs a moving image outputting process for outputting toward a monitor photographed moving image data of a first resolution via an internal memory when an instruction key is not operated, and performs a recording process for recording to a recording medium photographed still image data of a second resolution higher than the first resolution via said internal memory when said instruction key is operated, comprising:~~

~~an instruction key for instructing to record a still image of the subject;~~

~~a recorder for recording the still image to a recording medium when said instruction key is operated;~~

~~a default image outputter for outputting toward said monitor default image data when said instruction key is operated;~~

~~a determiner for determining a state of whether or not said instruction key is in an operative state after operating said instruction key; and outputting the default image data;~~

~~a still image display outputter for displaying on said monitor the still image depending upon a result of determination by said determiner outputting toward said monitor the photographed still image data when a determination result of said determiner is affirmative; and~~

~~a resumer for resuming the moving image outputting process when the determination result of said determiner is negative.~~

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Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A digital camera according to claim 1, wherein said determiner repeatedly ~~determines a state of said instruction key at predetermined timing performs a determining operation, and said still image display outputter maintaining to display the still image performs an outputting operation for a time period that said instruction key is in an operation state the determination result is affirmative.~~

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A digital camera ~~according to claim 1, further comprising for displaying on a monitor a real-time motion image of a subject taken by an image sensor, comprising:~~

an instruction key for instructing to record a still image of the subject;  
a recorder for recording the still image to a recording medium when said instruction key is operated;  
a determiner for determining a state of said instruction key after operating said instruction key;  
a still image display for displaying on said monitor the still image depending upon a result of determination by said determiner, and  
a default single color image display to display on said monitor a default single color image for a predetermined time after said instruction key has been operated, wherein said determiner determines a state of said instruction key after lapse of the predetermined time,  
wherein said determiner repeatedly determines a state of said instruction key at predetermined timing, and said still image display maintaining to display the still image for a time that said instruction key is in an operation state.

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Claim 4 (Original): A digital camera according to claim 3, wherein the predetermined time corresponds to a time required for a process of recording the still image by said recorder.

Claim 5 (New): A digital camera, comprising:

an imaging device for performing photo-electronic conversion on an imaging surface so as to generate image data;

a first displayer for displaying on a monitor a moving image based on a plurality of screens of the image data outputted from said imaging device when an instruction key is in a non-operative state;

a recorder for performing a recording process on a single screen of the image data outputted from said imaging device when said instruction key is shifted from the non-operative state to an operative state;

a second displayer for displaying on said monitor a still image based on the single screen of the image data to be subjected to the recording process by said recorder;

a determiner for determining whether or not said instruction key is in the operative state at a specific timing at which a next recording process by said recorder is enabled; and

a controller for permitting a displaying operation of said second displayer when a determination result of said determiner is affirmative, and prohibiting the displaying operation of said second displayer when the determination result of said determiner is negative.

Claim 6 (New): A digital camera according to claim 5, wherein said second displayer displays the still image on said monitor for a time period that said instruction key maintains the operative state.

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Claim 7 (New): A digital camera according to claim 5, further comprising a third display for displaying a default image on said monitor for a predetermined time period when said instruction key is shifted from the non-operative state to the operative state.

Claim 8 (New): A digital camera according to claim 7, further comprising a memory for temporarily storing the image data outputted from said imaging device, wherein each of said recorder and said second display reads out the single screen of the image data from said memory.